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Public Comment Form:

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Choose a Project: Elmrock Estates (Fieldstone Farms) - Wheeler Road - North
Grafton - 36 Single Family Houses - Potential 40B Project

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Comments:

Dear Members of the Grafton Board of Selectmen and Planning Board,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed development known as Fieldstone Farms (a.k.a. Elmrock Estates). I have been a resident of Grafton for nearly 30 years and am a frequent user of Grafton's open space and recreation areas. I am not opposed to the development of affordable housing in appropriate areas. However, a high-density development of this nature is totally inappropriate for the area proposed because of the detrimental impact that it would have on public recreation, open space, and wildlife habitat. The Brigham Hill area is one of the few areas remaining in Grafton with extensive open space, much of which is protected and preserved for the enjoyment of the public and conservation of our native wildlife. The proposed development would bisect existing open space, fragmenting it into smaller spaces and impeding wildlife movement through the larger area; numerous studies have shown that such habitat fragmentation reduces species diversity. The introduction of a high density development into this area also would have a negative impact on the character of the town, which is known for its well-planned development and open space. I urge you to consider these negative aspects of the Fieldstone Farms/Elmrock Estates proposal and deny any approvals or waivers that may be required for it to go forward.

Sincerely,

George Witman
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